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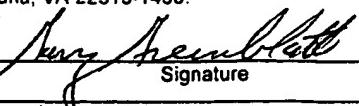
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IN RE APPLICATION OF  
DANIEL BENIGNI, ET AL.  
APPLICATION NO: 10/668032  
FILED: 09/22/2003  
FOR: METHODS FOR THE PREPARATION, ISOLATION AND PURIFICATION  
OF EPOTHILONE B, AND X-RAY CRYSTAL STRUCTURES OF EPOTHILONE B

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated August 18, 2006.

Claims 1-3, 5-11, 14-19, and 48-50 are allowed.

Claims 12 and 13 have been rejected. Applicants request reconsideration of claims 12 and 13 in view of the submitted statement.